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Draft programme of work of the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, for the biennium 2008-2009

Note by the Secretariat

1. The draft programme of work of the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, for the biennium 2008-2009, which is contained in the annex to the present note, is submitted for the consideration of the Commission on Population and Development in compliance with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation. The General Assembly, in its resolution 58/269, decided that the programme narratives of the programme budget fascicles shall be identical to the biennial programme plan. In this connection, the General Assembly, in its resolution 61/235, approved the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009 containing the narrative of the population subprogramme, which describes the objectives, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and strategy of the subprogramme.

2. The draft programme of work, which includes information on outputs, has been formulated within the framework of subprogramme 6, Population, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009.

3. The Commission is invited to take note of the programme narrative and review the proposed outputs to be included in the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, which will be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.

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Annex

Draft programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009 for the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Objective

1. The aim is to enable the international community to better understand and effectively address current and foreseeable population issues and population dimensions of development at the national and international levels.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Effectively facilitated review by Member States of progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the outcome of the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly	(a) Improved quality of support and servicing for the Commission on Population and Development, including the provision of timely, relevant, technically sound and policy-oriented documentation for its work
(b) Enhanced awareness of new and emerging population issues and increased knowledge and understanding, at the national level, particularly in the areas of fertility, mortality, migration, HIV/AIDS, urbanization, population growth and population ageing	(b) Increased influence of the work of the Population Division on the work of other stakeholders in the area of population
(c) Improved accessibility and timeliness of population information and data for use by Member States, civil society and academia	(c) Increased demand for population publications or digital information products

External factors

2. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective and expected accomplishments on the assumption that Member States will remain committed to the goals and objectives of the International Conference on Population and Development and the relevant goals of the outcome documents of the Millennium Summit and the 2005 World Summit.

Strategy

3. The Population Division is responsible for the subprogramme. The objective will be achieved by:

(a) Providing substantive support to United Nations bodies, especially to the Commission on Population and Development, and assessing progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

(b) Facilitating the discussion of key or emerging population issues by experts or government representatives;

(c) Preparing comprehensive studies on population issues and population trends relating to fertility, mortality, international and internal migration, HIV/AIDS, urbanization, population growth, population ageing, population prospects, population policy and population in relation to development;

(d) Disseminating population information and policy-relevant findings in the area of population, in particular through the Population Division website;

(e) Building capacity to address population issues at the national level through workshops or the dissemination of technical material, such as manuals and software.

Outputs

4. During the biennium 2008-2009, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) General Assembly:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Second Committee of the General Assembly (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report to the General Assembly on international migration (1);

(ii) Economic and Social Council: substantive servicing of meetings (4);

(iii) Commission on Population and Development:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings of the Commission (20) and intersessional meetings of the Bureau of the Commission (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: progress reports on activities in the field of population (2); proposed programme of work in population for the biennium 2010-2011 (1); report of the intersessional meetings of the Bureau of the Commission (2); report on world demographic trends (1); reports on world population monitoring (2);

(iv) Ad hoc expert group meetings (8);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *Concise Report on World Population Monitoring* (2); *Population Newsletter* (4); *International Migration Report 2008* (1); report on the coordination meeting on international migration (2); report on the coordination meeting on estimation of adult mortality (2); *World Fertility Report 2009* (1); *World Population Ageing 2009* (1); *World Population Policies 2009* (1); *World Population Prospects: the 2008 revision*, vol. I: *Comprehensive Tables*, vol. II: *Sex and Age Distributions of Populations*, vol. III: *Analytical Report* (each) (3); *World Mortality Report 2009* (1); and *World Urbanization Prospects: the 2007 revision* (1);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Emerging Issues in Fertility and Family Planning* (1); *Emerging issues in International Migration* (1); *Emerging issues in Mortality and Health* (1); *Emerging issues in Population and Development* (1); and *Emerging issues in Population Policies* (1);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits: provision of ad hoc information services and data in the field of population (1); wall chart on contraceptive use, 2009 (1); wall chart on fertility patterns, 2009 (1); wall chart on population ageing, 2009 (1); wall chart on urban agglomerations, 2009 (1); wall chart on urban and rural areas, 2009 (1); wall chart on world population, 2008 (1); wall chart on population policy, 2009 (1); wall chart on mortality, 2009 (1);

(iv) Technical materials: database on contraceptive use, 2009 (1); database on fertility, 2008 (1); database on marriage, 2008 (1); database on world population policies, 2009 (1); database on international migration, 2008 (1); database on total migrant stock, 2008 (1); database on mortality, 2009 (1); database on population and development (1); *World Population Prospects: the 2008 revision* (CD-ROM) (1); *World Urbanization Prospects: the 2009 revision* (web-interactive version) (1); *World Urbanization Prospects: the 2009 revision* (CD-ROM) (1); *World Population Policies, 2009* (web-interactive version) (1); *World Population Prospects, 2008 revision* (web-interactive version) (1); *Total migrant stock, 2008* (web-interactive version);

(c) Technical cooperation:

(i) Group training workshops or seminars;

(ii) Advisory services in population and development.